

Violence Indicators Prevention

Evidence from the research into the reasons, and influences, that lead to violent actions by juveniles indicate that these are not separate and distinct acts, but part of a pattern of behavior which develops over a period of time. The involvement of children in acts of animal cruelty, fire starting, or exposure to domestic violence are indicators of potential future acts of violence. There are things we can do to prevent violence in our community. All of us should consider children's involvement in these incidents seriously and contact a professional agency to report our concerns.

The Violence, Indicators, Prevention (VIP) program is just one step in the heightening of our awareness as a community to this issue. Please share information identified within the VIP brochure with your organization or agency. Cross training and cross referrals between agencies involved in animal protection, family social services, law enforcement and mental health need to become routine.

Please remember that juvenile violence is an extremely serious issue. As a community, it's time we heed the early warnings available to us.

For more information, please contact one of the VIP member agencies.

Thank you for your assistance.

Clark County Animal Protection & Control
(360) 397-2488

Child Abuse Intervention Center
(360) 397-6002

Vancouver Fire Services
(360) 759-4417

SW Washington Humane Society
(360) 693-4746

Washington State Division of Children & Family Services
(360) 993-7900

Clark County Fire Marshal
(360) 397-2375 ext. 4106